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HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

Paul O'Shaughnessy, Chair
Anne Eccles
Robert Adams
Edward Adelman
Robin Lovett

Meeting broadcasted
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Minutes, Thursday July 14, 2022
Meeting Conducted by Remote Participation

Commissioners Present: Paul O'Shaughnessy, Chair, Anne Eccles, Robin Lovett, Robert Adams.
Commissioner Absent: Edward Adelman.
Associate Commissioners Present: Mark Connor, Lee Noel Chase.
Associate Commissioner Absent: Dan Hisel.
Staff Present: Siqing Pan, Department Assistant

Chair Paul O'Shaughnessy called the July 14, 2022 Historic Districts Commission meeting to order at 5:02pm.

FORMAL HEARING

Chair Paul O'Shaughnessy opened the formal hearing for 6 Independence Avenue, exterior changes (Replace walkway to the front door of house) in the East Village Historic District

Documents

Full plan set of proposed alteration: dated May 29, 2022
Photographs of entire face of each building elevation visible from the public way: dated May 29, 2022
List of Material: dated May 29, 2022
Work Scope Narrative: dated May 29, 2022

The applicant explained the proposed changes to 6 Independence Avenue.
The Board felt the proposed plans were appropriate.
No Public Comments.

Motion was granted and seconded to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior changes to 6 Independence Avenue. Motion carried, all in favor.

Chair Paul O'Shaughnessy opened the formal hearing for 1557 Massachusetts Ave (Hosmer House), exterior changes (Relocation) in the Battle Green Historic District

Documents

Full plan set of proposed alteration: dated June 13, 2022
Photographs of entire face of each building elevation visible from the public way: dated June 13, 2022
Site Plan: dated June 13, 2022
List of Material: dated June 13, 2022
Work Scope Narrative: dated June 13, 2022
Owner Authorization Letter: dated June 13, 2022
Staff Memo Hosmer House: dated July 6, 2022

Hosmer House – Fletcher Field Master Plan: dated July 6, 2022
Chapter 135. Zoning Section 135-6.0. Special Regulations 6.2. Historic Preservation Incentives: dated June 24, 2022
2010 Historic Hosmer House Report: July 6, 2022
Informal Plan of 39&43 Blossomcrest Road

The applicant explained the proposed relocation plans of Hosmer House to 39&43 Blossomcrest Road. Mr. Malloy, Town Manager of Lexington, explained the reason why the Hosmer House cannot relocate to Fletcher Park.

Lee Noel Chase made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Bob Adams Seconded. Roll Call Vote: Robert Adams – Yes, Anne Eccles – Yes, Lee Noel Chase – Yes, Robin Lovett – Yes, Mark Connor – No, Paul O’Shaughnessy – No. Motion carried. The majority in favor.

Robert Pressman, 22 Locust Ave, commented that is a bad precedent that relocation of Hosmer House was approved by the Board.

Motion was granted and seconded to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior changes to 1557 Massachusetts Avenue. Motion carried, the majority in favor.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

Chair Paul O’Shaughnessy opened the formal hearing for 11 Waltham Street, exterior changes (Privacy Fence) in the Battle Green Historic District

Documents
None

The Board agreed that this application will continue to next meeting in August as per applicant’s request.
No Public Comments.

Chair Paul O’Shaughnessy opened the formal hearing for 25 Waltham Street, exterior changes (Signage & Awning) in the Battle Green Historic District

Documents
Updated Full plan set of proposed alteration: dated June 28, 2022

The applicant explained the updated proposed changes (Signage) and tabled the proposed awning design of 25 Waltham Street.
The Board agreed that this application will continue to next meeting in August.
No Public Comments.

Chair Paul O’Shaughnessy opened the formal hearing for 1351 Massachusetts Avenue, exterior changes (Tesla Solar Roof) in the Munroe Tavern Historic District

Documents
Updated Full plan set of proposed alteration: dated June 27, 2022
Rood example: dated June 27, 2022

The applicants and owner explained the updated proposed changes to Tesla Solar roofing of 1351 Mass Ave.

The Board agreed that this application was appropriate on condition of reviewing the mock-up, how the details will be done as constructed. Paul O'Shaughnessy will continue to serve as liaison with this application to see if it is appropriate.
No Public Comments.

Motion was granted and seconded to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior changes to 1351 Massachusetts Avenue on condition of following up with mockup and details as constructed. Motion carried. All in favor.

Chair Paul O'Shaughnessy opened the formal hearing for 977 Massachusetts Avenue, exterior changes (Exterior Painting) in the East Village Historic District

Documents

Updated Full plan set of proposed colors: dated July 15, 2022

Support letters from the abutters: dated July 15, 2022

The applicant explained the proposed changes of colors to 977 Mass Ave.
The Board felt the proposed plans were appropriate.
No Public Comments.

Motion was granted and seconded to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior changes to 977 Massachusetts Avenue. Motion carried, all in favor.

INFORMAL HEARING

Chair Paul O'Shaughnessy opened the informal hearing for 678 Massachusetts Avenue, exterior changes in the East Village Historic District

Documents

None

The applicant explained the proposed changes to 678 Mass Ave.
Jim Kelly, Building Commissioner, explained the proposed plans and permit status of 678 Mass Ave.
The Board requested a completed plan with exterior works to be presented. The Board agreed that this application as informal hearing will continue to next meeting in August.
No Public Comments.

DISCUSSION ITEM

• **Battle Green Streetscape Improvement**

Mr. Livesey, Town Engineer, and the design team explained the proposed changes and timeline of Battle green Streetscape improvement project. The Board reviewed the plans of Battle green Streetscape improvement project.

Bob Adams provided the information of partial collapse at 611 Mass Ave for Board review.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration and vote on Meeting Minutes on June 2nd, 2022: The Board made a motion to approve the minutes on June 2nd, 2022 as written. Motion carried. All in favor.

Anne Eccles made a motion to adjourn at 7:39 pm. Motion carried. All in favor.